



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., May 26, 2004

1255 Imperial Avenue, 4th Floor

Conference Room 436

San Diego, CA 92101

Members Present:

Bob Barrios
Mike Chee
Bob Crouch
Arthur Ecker – via phone
Dan Elkerton
Richard Gersberg
David Gomez
Carolyn Powers
Bob Shuster
Jerry Spahn
Malcolm Vinji

Members Absent:

David Gomez
Ed Heidig
Ruth Heifetz
Richard Leap
Anthony Manoguerra

Others Present:

Julie Ellery
Gary Erbeck, DEH
Richard Haas, DEH
Mike Dorsey, DEH
Jack Miller, DEH
Liz Quaranta, DEH
Fran Sjoberg, DEH

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Shuster called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was carried and seconded to approve the April 28, 2004 Minutes.

IV. PRESENTATION: *West Nile Virus and Poultry Ranches* – Jack Miller

• *West Nile Virus*

Jack Miller provided a PowerPoint presentation on the status of West Nile virus in San Diego County and what Vector Control is doing to minimize its impacts. Issues discussed included: Strategic Response Plan, aerial application of larvicide, outreach activities and prevention measures.

Vector Control is preparing a Zero Based Budget Study for the program to describe the core functions that are critical to its success. The Study also explores costs and revenue needed to meet the core functions. Gary Erbeck suggested that EHAB form a subcommittee to advise DEH on the study and make recommendations for funding solutions. Subcommittee members are: Malcolm Vinje, Chair, Michael Chee, Carolyn Powers, David Gomez, and Ed Heidig.

Jack Miller provided the video, *Stop West Nile Virus*, to interested EHAB members.

• *Poultry Ranches*

Jack Miller presented the issues that face poultry ranches with urban encroachment, including increased complaints. Jack indicated that he would be working with other County departments to explore options and then will meet with industry to get their feedback.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Budget

Gary Erbeck provided an update on the following FY '04/'05 budget items:

- Salaries and benefits are proposed to increase by \$1.8 million as a result of negotiated labor contract
- Fee revenue to increase 3.5%

- Vacancy Report

Currently there are 13 vacancies. A Vacancy Report was distributed.

- Gregory Canyon

On June 2, 2004, the LEA approved the proposed Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Gregory Canyon Landfill.

- Introduction

Cathy Martinez, Chief of Finance, was introduced. She replaces Steve Allee, who was recently promoted to Assistant Medical Services Administrator at the Health and Human Services Agency.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, June 23, 2004
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
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